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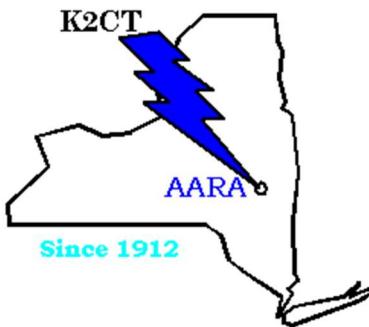
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# B-PLUS

## DEC.

# 2019

AARA Meeting  
Friday, DEC.13 2019

Bethlehem Town Hall  
445 Delaware Ave.  
Delmar, NY 12054

Social Hour 6:50PM  
**Bring a food item**  
*soda, coffee, water*

## AARA Dec Election Meeting

### Election of Officers

### Holiday Party



Please PAY your Dues.

### *AARA Dues*

Dues cheerfully accepted,  
Dues are \$20.

B-PLUS Newsletter sent via the  
K2CT Web page in .pdf format

Checks should be made out to  
AARA and sent to:

**Saul Abrams, K2XA**  
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[www.k2ct.org](http://www.k2ct.org)

Bethlehem Town Hall

LAT 42°37'12.8"N  
LONG 73°50'25.4"W

\*\*\*\*\* AARA CONTESTERS ON THE AIR \*\*\*\*\*

**2019 CQWW DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS**

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED	SCORE
NX2X	SO (H)	826	302	93	905,	340
N2LBR (+WA1KKM)	M/2	605	243	74	526,	220
N1JP	SO (H) A	514	198	58	371,	968
N2SQW	SO (H) A	317	185	62	206,	739
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	250	192	70	171,	348
K2QY	SO (H)	181	120	45	80,	520
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	60	?	?	10,	570
KM2O	SO (H) A	52	45	33	10,	140
WF2B	SO (H) A	43	33	14		5,076

73, Sue, N2LBR

The nominating committee has announced:

President Ernie Popp, K2EP

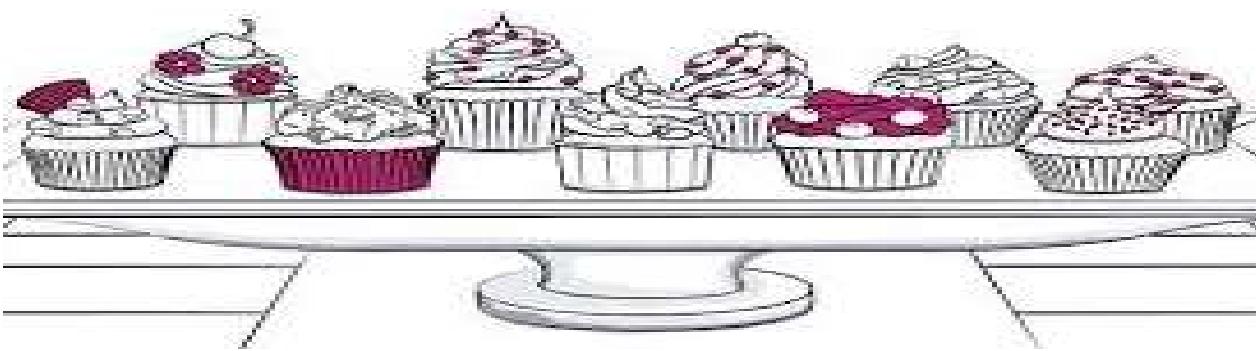
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Secretary Bruce Goldstein, WA3AFS

3-year Directory Don Herring, KB2SCO

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## **WSJT-X Newer Version Released**

The ARRL Letter 12/5/19

Just after announcing the release of *WSJT-X* version 2.1.1, the WSJT Development Group issued a second bug-fix release, version 2.1.2. *WSJT-X* is the free software suite that includes the FT4 and FT8 protocols. According to the developers, an error in the code broke the *WSJT-X* rig control features for certain Icom radios. The [Release Notes](#) detail program changes made since *WSJT-X* 2.1.0. The *WSJT-X 2.1 User Guide* has also been updated. Upgrading from earlier versions of *WSJT-X* should be seamless, with no need to uninstall previous versions or move any files. [Links](#) to installation packages are available. The WSJT Development Group asks those using the code to let the developers know, as well as to report bugs or suggest improvements to the code.

## **Winter Field Day**

I am pleased to announce that site confirmation has been obtained for this year's Winter Field Day at Lawson Lake County Park in Feura Bush, Albany County. The event will occur on **Saturday, January 25 through Sunday, January 26**.

Similar to ARRL Field Day, this is a 24 hour operation with temporary antennas and alternate power. Unlike ARRL FD, there are no bonus points. Also, busted exchanges will be penalized by 1 additional point for each missed exchange or call sign. Multipliers are bands and modes. (i.e. 3 QSO's on 40 meters, 1 each on phone, CW and Digital = 3 multipliers) No FT-8 allowed so PSK31 will likely be the digital mode of choice.

All Amateur bands, HF, VHF, & UHF are allowed (except 12, 17, 30 and 60 meters).

The lodge at Lawson Lake is **heated** and has a full kitchen and large fireplace. Full disclosure: The projected work to provide indoor toilet facilities, unfortunately, will not be ready in time for this event. The porta-johns will still be in place. The park staff will plow the road from the parking lot to the lodge. We will have key access to the gate at the parking lot.

The event is now up for registration on ARES Connect. <http://vhub.at/aresconnect-eny> Please register online if you wish to participate.

Those who participated last year can attest that this is a unique and fun event which also assists in developing emergency communications skills under much different conditions than June FD. The 2I (two simultaneous Indoor rigs) operation last year was #1 ENY. We will likely have more competition this year, so we need to step it up.

Please contact me with any questions at the AARA December meeting and ACES and AARA January meetings. Planning for all phases is now underway and any assistance is welcome.

Thanks

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# Contesting

## December 2019

ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 14 to 2400Z, Dec 15
TRC Digi Contest	0600Z, Dec 14 to 1800Z, Dec 15
CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	2100Z-2259Z, Dec 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 16
NAQCC CW Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 18
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 18
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 18
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 18 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 18 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 19
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 20
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 20
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 20
AGB-Party Contest	1600Z-1700Z, Dec 20
Russian 160-Meter Contest	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 20
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 21
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 21
Gedebage CW Contest	1200Z, Dec 21 to 1159Z, Dec 22
Padang DX Contest	1200Z, Dec 21 to 1159Z, Dec 22
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 21 to 1400Z, Dec 22
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Dec 25
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 25
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 25 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 25 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 26
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 27
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 27
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 28
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Dec 28 to 1500Z, Dec 29
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 28 to 1500Z, Dec 29
RAEM Contest	0000Z-1159Z, Dec 29
QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 30 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 30 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 31
Bogor Old and New Contest	0900Z-2359Z, Dec 31

## January 2020

AGB New Year Snowball Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Jan 1
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 1
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 1
SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
AGCW Happy New Year Contest	0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1

CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jan 1 and
1900Z-2000Z, Jan 1 and	
0300Z-0400Z, Jan 2	
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1700Z, Jan 1 (144) and
1700Z-1800Z, Jan 1 (432)	
QRP ARCI New Years Sprint	1500Z-1800Z, Jan 1
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Jan 1
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1800Z-1900Z, Jan 2 (CW) and
1900Z-2000Z, Jan 2 (SSB) and	2000Z-2100Z, Jan 2 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Jan 2 (Dig)
SKCC Sprint Europe	2000Z-2200Z, Jan 2
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 3
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 3
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 3
PODXS 070 Club PSKFest	0000Z-2400Z, Jan 4
WW PMC Contest	1200Z, Jan 4 to 1200Z, Jan 5
RSGB AFS Contest, CW	1300Z-1700Z, Jan 4
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 4 to 2400Z, Jan 5
ARRL Kids Day	1800Z-2359Z, Jan 4
EUCW 160m Contest	2000Z-2300Z, Jan 4 and
0400Z-0700Z, Jan 5	
IQRP Quarterly Marathon	0800Z, Jan 6 to 2000Z, Jan 12
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 7
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 8
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 8
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jan 8 and
1900Z-2000Z, Jan 8 and	0300Z-0400Z, Jan 9
AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest	2300Z, Jan 8 to 2300Z, Jan 9 and
2300Z, Jan 11 to 2300Z, Jan 12	
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 10
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 10
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 10
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jan 15 and
1900Z-2000Z, Jan 15 and	0300Z-0400Z, Jan 16

## **YOTA Month Expanding into the Americas**

The ARRL Letter 12/5/19

December is Youth on the Air (YOTA) Month, when stations operated by young radio amateurs around the world will get on the air to celebrate youth in amateur radio. [YOTA Month](#) began a few years ago in International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 1, and the concept has now taken root in the Americas as [YOTA Month in the Americas](#).

During YOTA Month, radio amateurs aged 25 and younger will be on the air as special event stations during December on various bands and modes. In the US, look for K8Y, K8O, K8T, and K8A. Elsewhere in the Americas, VE7YOTA will be on the air from Canada. XR2YOTA in Chile has been added to the list of youth stations in the Americas for YOTA Month. Young hams in other countries may also join in. Listen for other YOTA Month stations with "YOTA" suffixes.

For more information about YOTA in the Americas, contact YOTA Month in the Americas Coordinator [Bryant Rascoll, KG5HVO](#), or YOTA in the Americas Camp Director [Neil Rapp, WB9VPG](#).

Participants earn certificates by working the various YOTA-suffix stations on the air throughout December. Not a contest, the event is aimed at getting as many youngsters on air from as many countries as possible. The event takes place from 0000 UTC on December 1 until 2359 UTC on December 31.

Other special call signs planning to be on the air include 5B19YOTA, 7X2YOTA, 7X3YOTA, 9A19YOTA, DH0YOTA, E71YOTA, EF4YOTA, EG2YOTA, EI0YOTA, EM5YOTA, EM6YOTA, ET3YOTA, GB19YOTA, HA6YOTA, HB9YOTA, HG0YOTA, II4YOTA, II8YOTA, LY5YOTA, OH2YOTA, OL19YOTA, ON4YOTA, PA6YOTA, PD6YOTA, SH9YOTA, TC19YOTA, TC3YOTA, TM19YOTA, YO0YOTA, YT19YOTA, ZL6YOTA, and ZS9YOTA.

Most will put their logs on Logbook of The World (LoTW) with paper cards available through Club Log OQRS. QSL direct via M0SDV. -- *Thanks to YOTA and YOTA in the Americas*

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